



COLONIAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes: Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board
February 6, 2017

Location: Poquoson Community Center
49 Odd Rd.
Poquoson, VA 23662

Members Present: Byron M. Adkins
Andrew Barker
Susan Bruno
Jimmy Burrell
Chad Green
Judge Colleen Killilea
Adam Kinsman
John Kuplinski, Chair
Charles Moss, Vice Chair
Virginia Munoz
Shawn Overbey
Jenny Pauls
Steven Reandeau
Brad Rinehimer
Andrew Trivette
Rob Tyler
Kelly Waddell

Members Absent: Judge Wade Bowie
Bill Coda
David Coe
Judge Mike McGinty
Joe McLaughlin
Ron Montgomery
Mike Scheitle

Staff: Hal Diggs, Director CCC
Jack Fitzpatrick, Criminal Justice Planner
Jessica Bolton, CCC Administrative Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The quarterly meeting of the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Kuplinski.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

Administrative Coordinator Bolton advised that a quorum was present and the Chair declared this a legal meeting.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Chair welcomed the Justice Board's newest member, Williamsburg Acting Police Chief Andy Barker.

4. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 7, 2016 MEETING NOTES

A motion was made by Steven Readneau, seconded by Virginia Munoz, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes as presented.

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

No report.

6. APPOINTMENTS and ELECTIONS

Brad Rinehimer reported for the Nomination Committee (comprised of Adkins, Burrell, and Rinehimer) that both Board Officers had expressed a willingness to continue to serve in their current positions and asked if there were nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Virginia Munoz made a motion to accept John Kuplinski as Chair and Charles Moss as Vice Chair for the 2017 Board. The motion was seconded by Byron Adkins and unanimously accepted by the membership.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Juvenile Justice Committee Report: Justice Planner reported on behalf of Juvenile Justice Committee Chair Mike Scheitle:

- Script work for the next public safety video-on dating violence/abuse-is well underway. It will define abuse so youth can understand that non-physical abuse often grows into physical violence over time.
- Heavy snow in early January caused several of the school districts to opt not to host the Dangers of Synthetic Drugs presentation for the current semester. The Health and P.E. curriculum has the "drugs and alcohol" section near the end of the semester and January has been the month for our Fall presentations previously.
- The Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA), under the leadership of Acting Director Bill Porter, is reconsidering a bus route from the Tam-o-Shanter area of Merrimac Trail to the Merrimac Center and the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail.

- One planning meeting has already taken place for the New Kent High School “Live Smart” program set for April 26. This program arose from incidents at NKHS where two students suffered sudden cardiac arrest (on different dates) at the school. One was revived by the SRO and transported by Life Evac helicopter and survived, the other did not. The Justice Planner will, again, present the Dangers of Synthetic Drugs to students during the program.
- Offers have been extended to present the Dangers of Synthetic Drugs to local home-school students and to local “junior leagues” as suggested at our last quarterly meeting. The Justice Planner has received a positive response from one home-school group and is awaiting feedback from the other parties.

(b) **Special Projects Report - CIT:** Special Projects/CIT Chair David Coe was not present and Justice Planner had not been able to attend the last two CIT meetings. Virginia Munoz reported that:

A CIT 40-hour training course is in the planning phase for school resource officers/deputies in the June/July timeframe so they can receive this training when schools are not in session.

(c) **Re-Entry Committee:** Committee Chair-Jenny Pauls reported:

- Hal thanked Jack for his additional work during the absence of a Re-Entry Coordinator and noted that a conditional offer of employment was made Friday. Plans for funding of the Re-Entry Guest House beyond July 2017 are moving forward and it appears that support is present to continue the program with management and supervision from the Williamsburg House of Mercy (at St. Bede). It is likely that the house, moving forward, will have a greater emphasis on being transitional by more rapidly re-housing guests. John reported that, at a meeting of regional jail directors, he was advised that a veterans’ affairs database may soon assist us in tracking and offering additional aid.
- Justice Planner played the Introduction to Re-Entry at the VPRJ video.
- If approved for use in the jail, Maj. Houette has expressed an interest in playing the five and a half minute video multiple times per day in the jail pods to educate the inmates about re-entry and how to access our programs. An additional benefit of the video will be that those serving very short periods of time at VPRJ may be able to request contact with the Re-Entry Coordinator in hopes of gaining assistance in having their needs met.
- The DMV Connect program’s last visit was on 1/11/17 and 10 inmates were served. The collaboration between DMV, the Jail, and Colonial Re-Entry has allowed Identification cards to be issued to **166** inmates to date. The next visit is scheduled for the middle of March.
- Williamsburg Walks The Talk mentors have served as a critical link between the inmates and Re-Entry services during the absence of a coordinator. **It is notable that efforts which have not been negatively impacted by that absence include: the GED program, One-Stop/SNAP resume’ classes, Step-Up Pre-Release job prep classes, Williamsburg Walks The Talk mentorship, and Virginia ID Card issuance.**

- The COFM Winter Shelter held its Warm Up Williamsburg fundraiser on Friday, Jan. 27. COFM's mid-winter newsletter reported that in this—the 5th shelter season—they have remained at or near capacity for the last several weeks (the coldest weeks) and remained at around 75% male and 25% female. The shelter has served a total of 60 individual guests including a family with children this season. Jenny noted that her office's gang specialist was working with a family for whom the shelter provided food despite the fact that they were not using the shelter.
- Hal noted that PAPIS representatives met with General Assembly leaders to submit an amendment to add \$600,000 for PAPIS efforts. He advised it is unlikely to pass but that it has not been ruled-out as yet.

(d) Finance Committee: CCC Director Hal Diggs reported that the committee met in January. New statewide minimum standards have been established which require probation officers to meet with **each** probationer every month. This would substantially increase the workload for officers. Pre-trial minimum standards are currently being created. Jenny agreed with Hal's concerns of over-supervising clients who have not demonstrated the need for that level of supervision noting that the state has a level of supervision which permits meetings on an as-needed basis for those who qualify. Judge Killilea reported that a bill aimed at increasing collection of restitution is looking to extend probationers—possibly on “unsupervised probation”—until their debts are paid.

8. REPORT OF CCC AGENCY DIRECTOR

Hal reported the forthcoming changes to pre-trial practices are expected to increase man-hours by as much as 15%. Additionally, he noted that there appears to be a better chance of success for a bill to increase the grand larceny (felony) level to either \$500 or \$1,000. CCC has been short-staffed for some time and has hired a new probation officer and a new pre-trial investigator with 2 part time positions still unfilled. In FY19, there will be a request for a new probation position.

9. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

None

10. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

None

The next meeting will be held Monday, **May 1, 2017**, in Williamsburg.

With no further business, Chair Kuplinski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Rinehimer made the motion and Byron Adkins seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

***Note: Although present at this meeting, Judge Colleen Killilea abstained from participating in any Board votes or deliberations.*